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King Zog of Albania

[] consulted me on a problem raised by King Zog of Albania with whom he is in touch. You may recall that King Zog bought the MacVeagh House in Long Island and there was some publicity about failure to pay taxes. King Zog attributes this trouble, among others, to failure of his American attorney to take action and asked [] to recommend someone to whom he could give his business. It turned out that he doesn't want the highest priced talent or Jewish attorneys, but wants someone reputable and conveniently available. I suggested three names -- Henry Root Stern, II, since his office is at 1561 Franklin Avenue, Long Island; John R. Schoemer of Townley, Updyke & Cootes, 220 East 42nd Street, New York, who used to be Acting General Counsel, OSS; and John C. Marbach who lives in White Plains, New York and used to be in the OSS General Counsel's Office. All of these have current clearances for covert activities. We do not know if King Zog will retain any one of these lawyers, but if he does we would like to know about it. When you are in New York on this trip would you get in touch with, and preferably see, the three named and tell them you are from my office and give them enough of the situation to let them know that if King Zog approaches them we will be very interested to know what type of business he wants done. We do not want to violate professional confidences, but would appreciate anything they could give us in good conscience. If you can't actually see them, I think you can get the thought across by telephone. Please give my personal regards to Jack Schoemer and John Marbach, both of whom I believe you will find extremely pleasant to meet.

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